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SUBJ: SPACE COOPERATION: ROMANIAN PROPOSAL

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1. AT AIRPORT DEPARTURE OF NCST DELEGATION MARCH 11, MANDESCU EXPLAINED THAT PROF. OPRESCU WAS SUDDENLY TAKEN ILL AND HOSPITALIZED FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT AND A POSSIBLE OPERATION. TODAY, AN NCST OFFICIAL REPORTED THAT OPRESCU WAS AFFLICTED WITH CHRONIC TUBERCULOSIS AND HOSPITALIZED FOR TREATMENT.

2. THAT OPRESCU IS ILL MAY WELL BE TRUE, EVEN THOUGH THE EXPLANATIONS ARE INCONSISTENT. NEVERTHELESS, HE APPEARED IN GOOD HEALTH AND QUITE VIGOROUS AT MARCH 7 RECEPTION. ALSO, WE HAVE NO SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION OF WHY HIS PASSPORT WAS NOT FORWARDED TO CONSULATE FOR VISA ACTION IN FEBRUARY TOGETHER WITH OTHERS IN DELEGATION. OPRESCU'S DOCUMENTS IN FACT WERE NEVER FORWARDED TO CONSULATE DESPITE REPEATED EMBASSY QUERIES TO NCST DURING WEEK PRECEDING DEPARTURE DATE.

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